

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification has been amended to eliminate some obvious errors translation errors, to conform the language to good English, and to insert the headings and PCT cross-reference paragraph required by US Rules. No new matter whatsoever has been added.

The claims have been canceled and replaced with a set of US-style claims that clearly define the invention according to US practice and that avoid new matter. New main claim 12, which has been carefully drafted to avoid the admitted prior art of US 2,230,512 of Daily, thus describes as shown in FIGS. 1-3 the combination of

- a food cooker 1 having a vessel 5 holding a liquid in which food is cooked;
- a housing 6 connected to the vessel 5, forming a valve seat, and formed with a passage opening into the vessel 5 and into the seat;
- a valve body 7 formed with a passage 8 and pivotal in the seat between an open position (FIG. 3) with the passage 8 of the valve body 7 aligned with the

passage of the housing 6 and a closed position (FIG. 2) with the passage 8 of the valve body 7 not aligned with the passage of the housing 6; and a rigid tube 4 fixed to and pivotal with the valve body 7 and formed with a passage 9 opening into the passage 8 of the valve body 7, the body 7 being pivotal in the housing 6 such that in the closed position the tube 4 extends upward from the housing 6 and in the open position the tube 4 extends downward from the housing 6.

Nothing like this is seen in the art. In Daily there is nothing resembling a valve body with a tube that can be pivoted downward to open the valve and drain off liquid in the vessel it is attached to, and tipped upward not only to close the valve, but also to hold any liquid in the tube and prevent it from dripping out. Nothing like this structure, which is lucidly defined in new claim 12, is seen in or suggested by Daily. Thus the instant invention as defined in the new claims is allowable under §102 and §103 over daily. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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